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UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

A FRIEND of McGill University and of Sir William Dawson has communicated to the board of governors of the university his wish to endow a chair to be called the 'Dawson chair,' in memory of the late emeritus principal and eminent geologist, and has contributed money for that purpose, with the condition that Lady Dawson shall enjoy the income during her life.

THOMAS ARMSTRONG, of Plattsburgh, N. Y., who died in 1897, left his property amounting to \$300,000 to Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. Suit was brought on behalf of his wife and children, and half of the estate has been awarded to them, while the remaining \$150,000 goes to Union College.

VASSAR COLLEGE has received a gift of \$5,000 toward the proposed biological laboratory, for which \$25,000 has been promised on condition that an equal additional sum shall be raised.

THE report of the treasurer of Yale University shows that its invested funds have increased during President Dwight's administration of thirteen years from a little over \$2,000,000 to nearly \$5,000,000. This does not include the endowment of the Sheffield Scientific School, which is about \$600,000. The income from invested funds has increased from about \$113,000 to about \$221,000, while students' fees have increased still more rapidly, namely, from about \$150,000 to about \$500,000. The permanent funds of the University were increased last year by nearly \$100,000 and the building fund by about the same amount.

AN influential meeting was held in the Senate house of Cambridge University on November 4th for the purpose of forming an association the objects of which are—(1) To establish and distribute information respecting appointments which can be appropriately filled by members of the association; (2) to establish and organize means of communication between candidates for such appointments and the persons or bodies making the appointments. Remarks were made by the Chancellor, by Lord Rothschild, and others. It was resolved "that an association be formed for facilitating the employment of graduates of the University in the various professions and occupations for which

they are fitted by their university training," and a board of management was appointed. There are similar committees at Oxford University and at Harvard and Columbia Universities.

THE following past-list for the D.Sc., of the University of London, examination has been issued.

Mathematics.—John G. Leatham (Granville Scholarship), St. John's Coll., Cambridge.

Experimental Physics.—George B. Bryan, St. John's Coll., Cambridge, and Univ. Coll., Nottingham; Edgar W. Marchant (Granville Scholarship), Central Technical Coll., and pr. st.; Samuel R. Milner, Univ. Coll., Bristol, Inst. für Physik-Chemie, Göttingen, and Owens Coll.; Spencer W. Richardson, Trin. Coll., Cambridge, and Cavendish Laboratory.

Chemistry.—Martin O. Forster (Granville Scholarship), Royal Coll. of Science; Edwin C. Jee Central Technical Coll.; Thomas M. Lowry, Central Technical Coll.; Gilbert T. Morgan, Royal Coll. of Science; Robert H. Pickard, Mason Univ. Coll.

Botany.—Albert H. Trow, private study.

Employment of the Theory of Correlations in Biological and other Investigations.—Alice E. Lee, B.A., Univ. Coll.

Zoology.—James H. Ashworth, Owens Coll.; Ernest W. MacBride, Zoological Laboratory, Cambridge; Arthur T. Masterman, Christ's Coll., Cambridge, and St. And. Univ.

Geology.—Charles G. Cullis, Royal Coll. of Science.

DR. KARL W. GEUTHE has been appointed instructor in zoology in the University of Michigan.

AT St. John's College Cambridge, the following fellows have been elected: Mr. W. A. Houston, fifth wrangler, 1896, lecturer in mathematics in University College, Liverpool, and Mr. Grafton Elliott-Smith, assistant demonstrator of anatomy in the University, who has made valuable contributions to the comparative anatomy of the brain.

DR. C. CORRENS has been made assistant professor of botany in the University at Tübingen.

THE following have qualified as docents in German universities: Dr. Bohumil Neuseč in plant anatomy and physiology in the Bohemian University at Prague; Dr. Wederkind in natural science in the University at Tübingen, and Dr. Dandler for anatomy in the University at Vienna.